

Morning

PUBLISHED FULL ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT



Astorian.

COVERS THE MORNING FIELD ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA

VOLUME LVIV. NO. 180

ASTORIA, OREGON. FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1905.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PASSES AWAY

Judge Charles B. Bellinger of Portland.

VERY EMINENT JURIST

Forensic Ability, Clear Judicial Mind and an Impartial Judge.

HONORED AND RESPECTED

Born in Illinois and Educated in Oregon, Editor, Educator and Jurist He Built for Himself a Name That Will Endure Throughout All Time.

Judge Chas. B. Bellinger of the United States district court of Oregon died this afternoon at 3:40 from a complication of diseases. The judge was taken seriously ill just after reading his decision in the plea in abatement of Senator Mitchell in the land fraud case. The tremendous strain attendant upon the preparation of the momentous decision greatly sapped his vitality and one complication after another made themselves apparent. This morning the judge was surrounded by his family and lapsed into unconsciousness. Powerful stimulants were administered with no effect.

For the past year the judge had been listening to the story of the land fraud cases. He had seen men whom he knew and respected for years drawn into the net of the government, indicted and charged with crimes and misdemeanors, and then compelled in the strict performance of his duty to put aside life-long ties and all friendly feelings and decide points at issue which meant either the ruin of these friends or their acquittal on all the charges. In almost every case the judge had found it his duty to decide against friends and this weighed very heavily upon him.

Charles Bellinger was born at Marion, Illinois, November 21, 1839. His parents brought him to Oregon in 1847 when he was eight years old. Judge Bellinger's education was obtained in the common schools of Marion county, Oregon, and at the Willamette university at Salem. He was admitted to the bar in 1863, but practiced law for only a year when he became editor of the Arena, a democratic newspaper published at Salem. Poor health terminated his connection with the paper two years later. He pursued the mercantile business for a year and re-entered the newspaper business as editor of another publication, the States Rights Democrat of Albany. As a result of the prominent part he took in the political field he was elected to the legislature on the democratic ticket.

He came to Portland to reside in 1870, and assumed editorial control of the Daily Evening News, which he held about a year when he was appointed prosecuting attorney. During the Modoc war he served with such distinction as colonel of his regiment that he was commended for gallantry in action by General Wheaton.

In 1880 he formed a law partnership with J. N. Dolph, C. A. Dolph, Rufus Mallory and Joseph Simon as Dolph, Bellinger, Mallory and Simon, which for years was the most prominent law firm in the state. He withdrew from the firm in 1893 when he was appointed judge of the United States district court of Oregon by President Grover Cleveland. Judge Bellinger was a lawyer well versed in the knowledge of his profession. In addition he possessed a finely balanced judicial mind as is evidenced by a number of his decisions which were sustained by the appellate courts.

His ideas of equity were strict which with the fact that he had no political affiliations with or antagonisms to the defendants in the present land fraud cases, fitted him peculiarly to try with justice the cases which involve many

of the prominent representatives of the republican party now at bar.

For these reasons Judge Bellinger's death came at an inopportune time and is regretted equally by all persons connected with the important cases. What bearing his death will have on the land fraud cases is at present a matter of speculation.

NEEDS THE MONEY.

Will Marry a Wife and Government Must Support Him.

Stockholm, May 12.—The rigdag has voted Prince Gustaf an allowance of \$35,000 in view of his approaching marriage with Princess Margaret of Connaught. King Oscar has presented the couple with the beautiful chateau Solfar on the sound near Helsingborg as a summer residence.

ANOTHER CYCLONE.

Number of Buildings Damaged at Marlow, Indian Territory.

Guthrie, May 12.—A terrific wind and hail storm struck Marlow, I. T., today destroying a large number of small buildings and damaging more substantial structures.

Several were seriously hurt, none fatally. Several surrounding towns were also damaged.

President Harper Recovered.

New York, May 12.—President Harper of the University of Chicago, has returned here from a trip to Montreal. He will return to Chicago either tomorrow or Sunday. Mr. Harper declared his health to be improved and says the cancerous growth, because of which he recently underwent an operation, is steadily decreasing.

HERBERT V. CROKER

Son of Richard Croker Found Dead on Train.

WAS PROBABLY POISONED

Arrived in Kansas City Thursday and Spent the Day With Friends at the Race Track and Had Been in Company With Several During the Day.

Kansas City, May 12.—Herbert V. Croker, son of Richard Croker of New York, the political leader, was found dead on the south bound train at Chilson on the Topeka & Santa Fe road between Kansas City and Newton, Kan., today. He had died during the night, evidently from the effects of some poison administered in Kansas City, where he took the train for Bliss, Okla., last night. He was escorted to the train by a negro, who handed him his ticket and some money. The young fellow appeared under the influence of some drug and slept after he got on the train.

The conductor did not attempt to arouse him to take his ticket until an early hour this morning when he found him dead. The local police communicated with a request search for the negro. The identity of the young man was not at first evident, but a letter of introduction was found in his pocket written by Zach Mulhall, the wild west show man to Joseph S. Miller, manager of the famous "101 Ranch" at Bliss, O. T., gave the clue. The father of the dead man was telegraphed for and started immediately for Newton. The coroner has empaneled a jury.

As far as learned young Croker arrived in this city early Thursday and spent the afternoon at the race track. He is known to have been in company with several patrons of the track before the train started south.

Later—the negro who put young Croker on the train last night was Charles Woodson, a porter in the Coats hotel, Woodson says Croker arrived at the hotel last night in an intoxicated condition. After checking a small valise at the hotel, Croker, the negro says, asked him where there was a "hop joint." After repeated requests Woodson says he agreed to accompany Croker to such a resort. They went together to a Chinese resort, where they remained an hour.

(Continued on Page 8.)

SEVEN KILLED

Fatal Dynamite Explosion in Montana.

BODIES ARE MUTILATED

Fragments of Men Found Several Hundred Feet Away Unrecognizable.

CARRIED DYNAMITE TO MINE

Believed Wampa Either Touched His Lighted Candle to the Giant Cap or Some Hot Candle Grease Fell Upon It Causing the Explosion.

Butte, May 12.—Seven men were killed and one injured, probably fatally by an explosion in the Corra mine of the big Helme properties this afternoon. The cause of the explosion is not known and can only be surmised.

Nels Wampa was carrying an armful of about 40 sticks of dynamite approximately 25 pounds, to his friends for blasting purposes. He was climbing the ladder 1500 feet underground to join his companions on the 1400 level when the dynamite exploded with terrible effect.

It is believed that Wampa either touched his lighted candle to the giant cap or else some hot candle grease fell upon it, causing it to explode. Wampa was blown to atoms in sickening bits, fragments of his body being found several hundred feet away. Two men who were working nearby were also blown to pieces, their remains filling seven sacks. Four others working about 100 feet distant were instantly killed though their bodies were not mutilated.

ITALIAN LUNATIC.

Attempted to Break into the White House Last Night.

Washington, May 12.—A man who said his name was Daniel Constable, an Italian, was arrested while trying to force an entrance into the White House about midnight tonight. He was locked up at the police station.

When questioned as to his reason for being on the White House grounds he declared that a spirit had entered his head and told him that his murdered wife was to be found at the White House. The man was hatless.

He was first seen by a negro climbing over the iron fence surrounding the grounds of the White House and attention was then attracted by a sound of an attempted entrance at the rear door. He was tugging frantically at the door, shouting "Francesca, it is I." Policemen Hopkins rushed up, hurled him to the ground, when he made a dash for liberty and six men were necessary to hold him.

JOHN PAUL JONES.

President Roosevelt Approves of the Burial at Annapolis.

Washington, May 12.—President Roosevelt today approved of the recommendation of Secretary Morton for the burial of the body of John Paul Jones at Annapolis.

GAS HOLDER BLOWS UP.

Four Men Killed and Twenty Injured at Point Brayse.

Philadelphia, May 12.—Four men were killed and two score or more of others were more or less injured and seriously burned today by the collapse of an immense gas holder at Point Brayse at the works of the United Gas Improvement Company in the southern part of the city. The cause of the collapse is unknown.

PROBABLE END OF STRIKE.

Believed That the Chicago Teamsters' Strike Will End.

Chicago, May 12.—The fact that the Team Owners' Association, which has

been friendly to the striking teamsters and the resignation of Secretary Driscoll from the Team Owners' Association may result in the teamsters' abandoning the strike. Driscoll has always been a potent factor on the side of the teamsters in the trouble.

It is also announced that the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, composed of the business men from all parts of the state have decided to support the Employers' Association. The strikers will meet tomorrow to decide on their future course.

ANOTHER MAN GONE WRONG.

Short \$100,000 in His Accounts and Commits Suicide.

Oconto, Wis., May 12.—Louis J. Rens, one of the best known men in Oconto, agent for the McEachern Co., committed suicide tonight by shooting himself in this city. He went out to the barn and putting a revolver to his head blew his brains out.

His shortage is more than \$100,000, which was found in his accounts. Gambling and speculation were the cause of the shortage.

WASCO OUT OF DEBT.

Every Outstanding Warrant Called in and Cancelled.

The Dalles, May 12.—Wasco county is now clear of debt, every warrant of the county having been called and canceled by the treasurer. During the past month County Treasurer Donnell paid and canceled over \$81,000 worth of outstanding warrants, which cleared up the county's debt and still left money in the treasury with which to pay current expenses. It is the first time in many years that Wasco county has been able to cash its warrants the day they were drawn.

MOB HANGS NEGRO

Seven Hundred Take Prisoner from Officer.

HANGED IN PUBLIC SQUARE

Tom Witherspoon, Who Oply Recently Returned from Penitentiary, Went to Home of Fred Hess and Committed a Sensational Robbery.

Calro, Ill., May 12.—Tom Witherspoon, a negro, was taken from officers at Belmont, Mo., 15 miles below Calro, this evening by a mob of several hundred persons and hanged in the public square.

Early this morning a negro said, to be Witherspoon, went to the home of Fred Hess, three miles below Belmont and committed a sensational robbery. A posse was organized, bloodhounds secured from Charleston and the negro found in a deserted shanty. He was being taken to Belmont by the officers when a mob of several hundred persons took charge of the negro and despite his pleadings, took him to the public square and secured a rope from a large swing and strung the negro up.

The negro forced the wife and child of the man named Hess into the cabin and sent Hess around to get \$800 among friends. Failing in which the negro threatened to kill the wife and child. Hess secured the money and set it to the negro.

FLOOD IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Houses, Barns and Outhouses Being Carried Away by Waters.

Huntington, W. Va., May 12.—A terrific storm of wind and rain which has prevailed for the past 18 hours created havoc throughout this section. Rumors of loss of life cannot yet be verified. Above Cattleburg the torrent has washed out 300 feet of the big pipeline of the Triple State Gas Company, and the residents of Huntington, Kenova, Cattleburg, Ashland and Ironton and the smaller towns have been without light and gas for cooking.

The unprecedented rise in the Gay-and-dotte river, 18 feet within 12 hours, carried between 75,000 and 100,000 logs out into the Ohio river. Heavy damage to farmers was reported along the streams, houses, barns, outhouses and livestock being carried away by the rush of waters.

LOSS OF LIFE

One Hundred People Killed of Snyder.

LOSS IS HALF MILLION

Most of the Losers from the Storm Were Small Property Owners.

ONE HUNDRED WERE KILLED

The Town Was Virtually Wiped Out, and Although the Losses Look Small to Individuals They Lost Nearly Everything They Possessed.

Snyder, O. T., May 12.—It is estimated that the total loss of life will be somewhat in excess of 100 persons. Those who have investigated still maintain that the property loss will not be less than half a million dollars. A partial list of property losses is as follows:

B. C. Burnett, cotton gin, loss \$14,000; carried tornado insurance for \$8,000.

Tom Wagner, cotton gin, \$14,000. Twenty-five dwellings on the north side of the Frisco track and west of E street, of an average value of \$500 each, either damaged or demolished. Among the number were some fine residences which were worth much more. The value given is taken to be a fair average.

Prichard building, \$1500; Stubblefield building \$1000; restaurant, name of owner not known, \$400; loss on stock \$400; Davidson Grocery Company, loss on building \$200, loss on stock \$500; Frank Cuppy, saloon, loss on building \$200, loss on stock \$200; Stofer & Co., hardware, loss on building and stock \$11500; on warehouse, \$500. One-story stone building owned by T. B. Davis, loss \$500, occupied by Miller, Bailey & Co., dry goods, loss \$200; P. E. Griffin, loss on stone building \$500, loss on stock \$300; P. H. Street & Co. of Oklahoma City, furniture, loss on building and stock \$1490; Cornelia building, damaged \$150; Bank of Snyder \$1000; grocery store of C. Joyce \$500; Judge Logan's office \$500; Milley grocery store \$500; Williams furniture store \$2000; Odd Fellows' hall, \$2000. Shaw building damaged \$500, occupied by Freeman & Mendenhall, who sustained a loss of stock of \$500; cotton weaver's office \$250; Adams hardware, building \$1000.

The damage to other buildings and residences is estimated to aggregate fully \$100,000.

The estimates given above are the best obtainable. All agree that they are very conservative.

Many of those who had been traveling on the trains reached Snyder at 10:30 last night. In numerous instances they found that those whom they came to aid had perished.

The Frisco railroad from the depot to the limits of the corporation in each direction is strewn with timbers, pieces of brick and stone and other things cast there by the storm. It requires considerable work to get the track clear.

ANOTHER TRAIN ACCIDENT.

Crashed Into Five Box Cars Standing on Track, as Usual.

Kansas City, May 12.—Ten persons were injured in a wreck by the Frisco Meteor on the Oklahoma & Texas limited train at Rosedale, Kan., railroad yards tonight by Meteor crashing into five box cars which stood on the main line.

DUNLAP'S SLAYER.

Conscience-Haunted, Andred Dodson Makes a Full Confession.

Grant's Pass, May 12.—Andrew Dodson, haunted day and night by his crime, and confronted by the statement that the murder of William Dunlap had been witnessed by young Lloyd

Ingram, has broken down and confessed. He makes practically a clean breast of the whole affair, and acknowledges that it was he who fired the shot that killed the old miner, on he is suffering so keenly in conscience a September day in 1903. Dodson says that he believes it better to tell the truth, and go by the shortest route to the gallows, preferring death to his present torment or to life imprisonment.

"The sooner I pay the penalty the better," he said dejectedly. His chin sank to his breast and there was a tremor in his voice. "God only knows that I have suffered since then, since the old man died."

At first Dodson declared it was Ingram who did the killing, but the evidence of the boy and of the boy's father, Andy Ingram, was against him. Seeing the uselessness of holding out longer, he has told the entire story to District Attorney Reames, the details of which are unknown, but which will be brought out in due time.

Dodson says he and Ingram planned the murder of the old miner, while they were cutting wood in the heavy timber near Dunlap's cabin. It was the common belief of the district that Dunlap had considerable gold, as he had previously mined in Colorado and Alaska, and those who mined with him said Dunlap had done well. As he had little money in the bank, the conclusion was reached that he had his gold buried about his cabin. It was to get this gold that murder was done.

French Training Ship on Rock.

Paris, May 12.—A dispatch from Bayonne reports that the French naval training ship Duguay Trouin has struck a rock in Saint Jean de Luz bay. Relief parties are seeking to refloat her.

PRISONERS ESCAPED

Deputy Sheriff Overpowered by Bandits.

FIERCE BATTLE IN MOUNTAIN

While Deputy Sheriff Webb Was Giving Prisoners Water They Disarmed and Gagged Him and Made Their Escape into the Mountains.

Butte, May 12.—A Miner special from Casper, Wyo., says:

While Deputy Sheriff Webb was giving water to the prisoners in the county jail tonight, he was overpowered and disarmed by Ed Lee, Martin Trout and William Wardlows, three desperate outlaws, who made their escape after securing ammunition and clothing from the sheriff's office and horses and saddles from the stables.

They bound and gagged Sheriff Webb's wife and choked her, but before their departure removed the gag and bade her good-bye. The trio rode away in the direction of Casper mountains. Deputy Sheriff Hart organized a posse and started in pursuit, overtaking the bandits near the summit of the mountains seven miles from town, where a battle occurred. Citizens with field glasses witnessed the beginning of the fight, but night came on and the outcome is not known.

RAIN AT SNYDER.

Heavy Rain Causes Distress and Damage to Goods.

Snyder, May 12.—A heavy rain today caused great distress to the homeless, and much merchandise exposed by the cyclone is being damaged by the rain. Ten loss of life in the city and surrounding country will reach 125.

STEAMER DAMAGED.

American Steamer Garonne Damaged and Lost Two Boats.

Shanghai, May 11.—The American steamer Garonne from Seattle via Higo, arrived today with considerable damage to her deck and lost two boats. She reports having encountered a gale after leaving Higo. The vessel is repairing.

Nan Goes to Washington. New York, May 12.—Nan Patterson who was released today from the Toombs, started for Washington tonight.